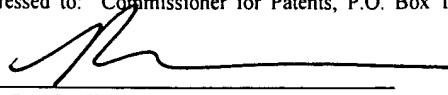


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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This response pertains to the Office Action sent 03/13/2006. A request for a two month extension of time is enclosed herewith. The claims have not been amended by this response.

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